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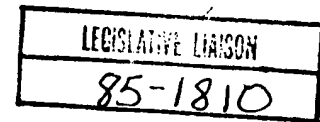
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Washington, D.C. 20505



24 June 1985

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The Honorable Claude Pepper  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health and Long-Term Care  
Select Committee on Aging  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The records of this Agency were canvassed as a result of your 5 June 1985 letter concerning the issue of fraudulent degrees and professional credentials.

In specific reply, we have received no referrals from the FBI, no employees have been hired on the basis of suspect degrees or credentials, none were promoted, and no formal action has been taken concerning them.

I hope that the above information is helpful to you.

Very sincerely,



*/* John H. Stein  
Inspector General

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**ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET**

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Fraudulent Degrees and Professional Credentials

FROM: John H. Stein  
Inspector General  
6 E 18, Hqs.

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I have queried Director of Security and Director of Personnel for their input to attached and will respond, unless you have any objections.

2. DD/OLL

21 JUN 1985

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24 June 85

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I have none. Vaya con Dios.

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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Fraudulent Degrees and Professional Credentials

FROM: Robert W. Magee  
Director of Personnel

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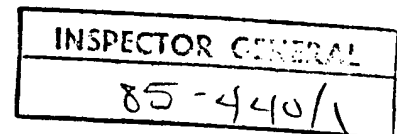
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JUN 20 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

FROM: Robert W. Magee  
Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Fraudulent Degrees and Professional Credentials

1. This in response to your 11 June 1985 memorandum which inquires whether this office has any knowledge of the use of fraudulent academic credentials by Agency employees. It is my understanding that your interest in this matter is prompted by a letter from Representative Claude Pepper asking for any information on employees of the Federal Government who have obtained degrees and/or credentials from nonexistent or "diploma mill" institutions.

2. My office attempted to obtain a list of educational institutions offering the "fraudulent" diplomas but neither the FBI nor Congressman Pepper's subcommittee had such a list. We did, however, use NEXIS to identify institutions which had been identified in newspaper articles as being diploma mills or granting fraudulent diplomas and we then checked our personnel records to determine if any of our employees had claimed educational credentials from these institutions. None had.

3. We have some additional feelers out for information about diploma mills and we will follow up on any additional information we receive. At this point, however, we have no knowledge of CIA employees holding fraudulent degrees.

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*for* Robert W. Magee

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Candidate Degrees and Professional Credentials

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Director of Security

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INSPECTOR GENERAL

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11 June 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security  
Director of Personnel

FROM: John H. Stein  
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Fraudulent Degrees and Professional Credentials

1. I am in receipt of a letter from Representative Claude Pepper, Chairman of the Select Committee on Aging of the House of Representatives, in which he asks for any information this office might have on employees of the Federal government who have obtained degrees and/or credentials from nonexistent or "diploma mill" institutions (letter and questionnaire are attached).

2. This office has no record of any such individuals; however, could you let me know by 20 June 1985 whether either the Office of Security or Office of Personnel have any knowledge of such fraudulent use of credentials.

John H. Stein

John H. Stein

Attachments:  
As stated

cc: DDA

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## U.S. House of Representatives

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE

377 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING ANNEX 2  
Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 1985

Dear Mr. Stein:

Your attention to a matter of importance to this Subcommittee would be greatly appreciated.

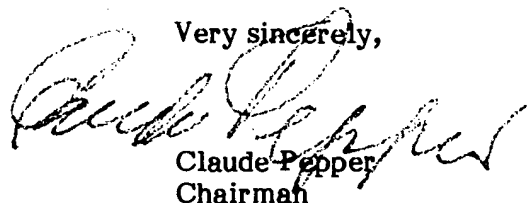
The Subcommittee has been examining the issue of fraudulent degrees and professional credentials. Our initial work in this area focused on the sale and use of fraudulent medical credentials and a hearing was held in December 1984. We are now broadening the scope of our inquiries to include other types of degrees and credentials. In this regard, we have become aware of investigations conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation which have identified employees of the federal government who have obtained degrees and/or credentials from nonexistent or "diploma mill" institutions. We also understand that in instances where federal employees have surfaced during these investigations, the names of these individuals have been referred to the affected Office of Inspector General for appropriate attention. Please advise me whether you have received such referrals. If so, please provide the information requested on the attached sheet.

This information should reach me by June 26, 1985.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

  
Claude Pepper  
Chairman

CP:cwk

Mr. John H. Stein,  
Inspector General  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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1. How many employees were referred to your office by the FBI as having suspect degrees or credentials? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many of these employees were hired based, in part, on their suspect degrees or credentials? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many employees were promoted as a result of their acquisition of suspect degrees or credentials? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has any formal action been taken against employees who utilized fraudulent degrees or credentials for hiring or promotion purposes?
  - a. Administrative \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Criminal \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Describe results of above actions.
  - d. If no actions were taken, please explain reasons.

Your name and title:  
Address:

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INSPECTOR

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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Letter to Representative Claude Pepper

FROM: John H. Stein  
Inspector General  
6 E 18, Hqs.

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To 2. The SA's office would like to have all the background material back when this goes out. Thank you.

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7. OLL Registry mailed out Ltr 25 June 85

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